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114TH CONGRESS
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[Report No. 114-459, Part I]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2016

Ms. MCSCALLY (for herself, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. JONES, Mr. STEWART, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. ASHFORD, Ms. STEFANIK, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. McCaul, Mr. KATKO, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. GIBSON, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

MARCH 21, 2016

Additional sponsors: Mr. HURD of Texas, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mrs. NOEM, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. COFFMAN, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. OLSON, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. BOST, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. FINCHER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DOLD, Ms. GRANGER, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. COOPER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. JODY B. HICE of

Georgia, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. FLORES, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. LANCE, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. PALMER, Ms. TSONGAS, Ms. EDWARDS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. YOUNG of Indiana, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. ESTY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. HONDA, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. McHENRY, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. POCAN, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. FRELING-HUYSEN, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. RUSH, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. LUETKE-MEYER, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. KLINE, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. BABIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mrs. ROBY, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. GARRETT, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. YOHO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SCHRAIDER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. COLE, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Ms. HAHN, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MICA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BUCK, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. ROSS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. EMMER of Minnesota, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. NADLER, Mr. WALZ, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. JOYCE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. POSEY, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. TAKAI, Mr. KILMER, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. TURNER, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. HARDY, Mr. JOLLY, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. KIND, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. PERRY, and Mrs. BUSTOS

MARCH 21, 2016

Reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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The Committee on Armed Services discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 6, 2016]

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the burial of the cremated remains of persons who served as Women's Air Forces Service Pilots in Arlington National Cemetery.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. BURIAL OF CREMATED REMAINS IN ARLINGTON**

4 **NATIONAL CEMETERY OF CERTAIN PERSONS**
5 **WHOSE SERVICE IS DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE**
6 **SERVICE.**

7 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2410 of title 38, United*
8 *States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following*
9 *new subsection:*

10 “(c)(1) *The Secretary of the Army shall ensure that*
11 *under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, the*
12 *cremated remains of any person described in paragraph (2)*
13 *are eligible for inurnment in Arlington National Cemetery*
14 *with military burial honors in accordance with section*
15 *1491 of title 10.*

16 “(2) *A person described in this paragraph is a person*
17 *whose service has been determined to be active duty service*
18 *pursuant to section 401 of the GI Bill Improvement Act*
19 *of 1977 (Public Law 95–202; 38 U.S.C. 106 note) as of the*
20 *date of the enactment of this Act.”.*

21 *(b) APPLICABILITY.—*

22 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by sub-*
23 *section (a) shall apply with respect to—*

1 (A) the remains of a person that are not
2 formally interred or inurned as of the date of the
3 enactment of this Act; and

4 (B) a person who dies on or after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act.

6 (2) FORMALLY INTERRED OR INURNED DE-
7 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “formally in-
8 terred or inurned” means interred or inurned in a
9 cemetery, crypt, mausoleum, columbarium, niche, or
10 other similar formal location.

11 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON CAPACITY OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL
12 CEMETERY.**

13 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the
15 Committees on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committees on
16 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the
17 Senate a report on the interment and inurnment capacity
18 of Arlington National Cemetery, including—

19 (1) the estimated date that the Secretary deter-
20 mines the cemetery will reach maximum interment
21 and inurnment capacity; and

22 (2) in light of the unique and iconic meaning of
23 the cemetery to the United States, recommendations
24 for legislative actions and nonlegislative options that
25 the Secretary determines necessary to ensure that the

1 *maximum interment and inurnment capacity of the*
2 *cemetery is not reached until well into the future, in-*
3 *cluding such actions and options with respect to—*

4 *(A) redefining eligibility criteria for inter-*
5 *ment and inurnment in the cemetery; and*

6 *(B) considerations for additional expansion*
7 *opportunities beyond the current boundaries of*
8 *the cemetery.*

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